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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/23/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 109-128 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 109-128 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Response to Arguments

The following is in response to the amendment filed 12/23/04:

An action on the merits of claims 109 - 128 is contained herein below.

DOUBLE PATENTING

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 109 - 128 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,613,898 ('898). An obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but an examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claims(s) because the examined claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claims(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985). Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not

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patentably distinct from each other because claims 109 – 128 are generic to all that is recited in claims 1 – 28 of '898.

Claims 109 - 128 are drawn to a method of A method for reducing a mixture of a plurality of malto-oligosaccharide species to a dextrose equivalent (DE) of less than about 1, each malto-oligosaccharide species having a non zero DE resulting from the presence of reducing end groups on said malto-oligosaccharide species, said plurality of malto-oligosaccharide species differing at least in degree of polymerization (DP) value thus defining a DP profile for said mixture, said plurality of malto-oligosaccharides comprising a maltodextrin, said method comprising the steps of catalytically hydrogenating said mixture under hydrogenation conditions suitable to substantially preserve the DP 1-8 profile of said mixture.

Claims 1 – 28 of '898 are drawn to same method for reducing the malto-oligosaccharide mixture, chiefly catalytic hydrogenation of the malto-oligosaccharide mixture under hydrogenation conditions suitable to substantially preserve the DP 1-8 profile of said mixture, wherein a certain percentage of the malto-oligosaccharides undergoing the process have a DP value of greater than 10.

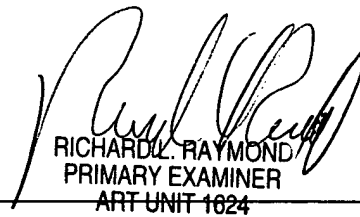
Claims 109 – 128 anticipate the differentiation in DP value of the substrate malto-oligosaccharides as set forth in '898 as they recite "said plurality of malto-oligosaccharide species differing at least in degree of polymerization (DP) value thus defining a DP profile for said mixture" which encompasses the variation in the degrees of polymerization set forth in '898 and requires that there be a difference in DP value of the malto-oligosaccharides; moreover the instant claims are drawn to achieving the same effect, reducing the mixture via catalytic hydrogenation wherein a DP profile of 1-8 is preserved.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Supervisory Patent Examiner signing this action, James O. Wilson can be reached on (571) 272 - 0661.